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COLD STORAGE REPORT
AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1940



Net increases in total stocks of frozen fruits and vegetables, creamery butter, and cheese on September 1 are indicated by reports of cold storage warehousemen to the Agricultural Marketing Service. But significant reductions in stocks of frozen and cured meats and lard were noted during August, and stocks of both shell and frozen eggs were reduced, though at about the usual seasonal rate. A slight decrease was also noted in net poultry holdings.

Total frozen fruit stocks were increased by 12 million pounds during the month, frozen vegetables by 5 million, creamery butter by 11 million and all cheese by 10 million pounds.

Stocks of eggs and egg meats were withdrawn by the equivalent of 807,000 cases. Total frozen and cured meat holdings were reduced by $147\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds and lard stocks by 30 million.

Reports on space occupancy from 185 public warehouses indicate that 60 percent of available net piling space was occupied on September 1. This compares with 59 percent for August 1.

The average occupancy of coolers was 56 percent and freezers 70 percent, which compares with 55 and 69 percent, respectively, for

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

FROZEN FRUITS

Total stocks of all varieties of frozen fruits were increased during August by 12,078,000 pounds. September 1 holdings, totaling 163,043,000 pounds, exceeded those of a year earlier by 19,986,000 and the 5-year average (1935-39) for September 1 by 43,969,000 pounds.

Of the total quantity reported, 35,963,000 pounds were unclassified by variety.

FROZEN VEGETABLES

Stocks of frozen vegetables reported in cold storage warehouses totaled 76,813,000 pounds, an increase over August 1 of 4,878,000 pounds. On September 1 a year ago 71,639,000 pounds were reported. The increases were noted for beans, sweet corn, and green peas with other items reduced. Frozen vegetables unclassified as to variety totaled 3,789,000 pounds, or about 5 percent of the total quantity reported.

Contents of September 1 Cold Storage Report

Separate tables appearing in this report show United States stocks on hand on September 1, this year compared with previous periods, for the following groups of commodities:

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Frozen Fruits, by container-size page 3;
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Meats (cured and frozen) and Lard page 5.

Special tables of cold storage holdings are included for cream, butter, American cheese, eggs and poultry, by States, page 6; the monthly report on warehouse space occupancy in cubic feet reported, with comparisons and revised figures for August 1, 1940, and the percentage of space occupied on September 1 (preliminary) and August 1 (revised), page 7; and September 1, 1940, data for all commodities, by geographical regions, pages 8 and 9.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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Commodity	Sept. 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	Sept. 1,	Aug. 1, 1940	Sept. 1,
FRUITS, FROZEN		- Thous	sands -	
Blackberries pounds Blueberries " Cherries " Logan and similar berries " Raspberries " Strawberries " Other fruits " Classification not reported " TOTAL "	Data for these earlier years not compara- ble 119,074	5,468 2,204 31,297 3,939 11,309 47,669 15,152 26,019	3,777 1,795 21,205 3,532 13,333 56,149 14,285 36,889	8,425 2,405 29,169 3,375 14,669 54,359 14,678 35,963
VEGETABLES, FROZEN Asparagus pounds Beans, Lima " Beans, snap " Broccoli, green " Corn, sweet " Peas, green " Spinach " Other vegetables " Classification not reported " TOTAL "	His- torical data not avail- able	6,511 10,540 6,846 989 7,280 30,103 2,834 2,091 4,445	7,126 8,414 5,433 1,049 4,065 35,607 4,330 2,660 3,251 71,935	7,010 9,410 6,351 910 4,623 38,440 3,773 2,507 3,789

FROZEN FRUITS: HOLDINGS IN SMALL AND LARGE CONTAINERS

AUGUST 1 and SEPTEMBER 1, 1940

Commodity	ì		In bulk or large containers (30 lb.or greater capacity)		
	August 1	September 1	August 1	September 1	
		- Thousand	l pounds -		
Blackberries. Blueberries. Cherries. Logan and similar berries. Raspberries. Strawberries. Other fruits. Classification not reported.	1,475 12,077 3,526	179 1,060 2,232 579 1,848 11,714 3,524 7,307	3,642 1,054 19,533 2,776 11,858 44,072 10,759 30,621	8,246 1,345 26,937 2,796 12,821 42,645 11,154 28,656	
TOTAL	26,650	28,443	124,315	134,600	

The net into-storage movement of creamery butter during August totaled 10,848,000 pounds. This quantity is somewhat lighter than normal. The 5-year (1935-39) September 1 average inmovement was 12,547,000 pounds. The August 1939 increase was 7,642,000 pounds. September 1,1940, holdings, totaling 134,476,000 pounds, were 38,349,000 pounds below those of a year earlier and 21,100,000 holds average. Points Products Marketing Augusting hold no stocks and Carplus Marketing. 21,109,000 below average. Dairy Products Marketing Association held no stocks and Surplus Marketing Administration holdings were reduced to 198,000 pounds, which puts commercial stocks on September 1 at 134,278,000 pounds. On September 1, 1939, DFMA held 20,458,000 pounds and Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation (now SMA) 13,607,000, and commercial stocks totaled 138,760,000

Total stocks of all varieties of cheese, totaling 148,097,000 pounds, showed an increase over August 1 holdings of 10,048,000 pounds. September 1, 1940, stocks exceeded those of a year earlier by 23,078,000 and the 5-year (1935-39) average by 25,835,000 pounds.

During August egg stocks were reduced by 546,000 cases of shell and 9,125,000 pounds of frozen egg meats or a total equivalent of 807,000 cases. September 1 stocks of both shell and frozen eggs - the equivalent of 11,404,000 cases - exceeded those of a year earlier by 922,000 cases and the 5-year average by 671,000.

The SMA reports holdings of 1,025,434 cases of shell eggs for relief distribution on

September 1 that are included in the above figures.

Total frozen poultry stocks were reduced in the aggregate during the month by 278,000 pounds. The 82,137,000 pounds reported on hand September 1, 1940, were 19,267,000 pounds greater than those of September 1, 1939, and 25,748,000 above average for September 1. Practically all varieties of poultry showed some increase during August with the exceptions of broilers and roasters with minor decreases, and turkeys with a significant reduction of 8,381,000 pounds.

Commodity	Sept. 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	Sept. 1, 1939	Aug. 1, 1940	Sept. 1, 1940
CREAM		- Thousa	nds -	
Forty percent40-qt. cans Twenty percent"	51,4	· 1747	290 14	255 3
BUTTER Creamery, totalpounds	155,585	172,825	123,628	134,476
DPMA holdings " SMA* & Relief holdings " Commercial stocks "	- 135,084	20,458 13,607 138,760	837 122,791	198 134,278
Packing stock "	405	88	51	54
CHEESE Americanpounds Swiss including block " Brick and Munster" Limburger"	103,944 5,437 1,187 1,159	103,594 6,201 1,486 1,761	115,992 3,908 1,542 1,313	125,121 5,247 1,459 1,265
All other varieties "	10,535	11,977	15,294	15,005
TOTAL CHEESE"	122,202	129,019	130,049	140,001
Shellcases Frozenpounds Frozen 2/equivalent cases	7,062 128,481 3,671	6,598 135,928 3,884 10,482	7,784 154,947 4,427	1/ 7,238 145,822 4,166 11,404
TOTAL EGGS 3/cases	10,733	10,702		22,101
FROZEN POULTRY Broilers pounds Fryers " Roasters " Fowls " Turkeys " Ducks " Miscellaneous poultry " Unclassified frozen poultry "	9,501 2,491 4,115 10,073 9,002 8,228 12,979 4/	8,835 2,520 4,883 12,276 9,994 10,339 14,023 4/	6,290 1,811 3,633 18,312 29,497 8,262 11,817 2,793 82,415	6,227 2,536 3,364 19,822 21,116 11,015 12,325 5,732
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY "	56,389	02,010	06,41)	02,1)1

The Surplus Marketing Administration (formerly The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation). 1/ Includes 1,025,434 cases owned by the Surplus Marketing Administration for relief distribution.

4 Carried under "Miscellaneous poultry" previous to January 1, 1940.

Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case. SPECIAL NOTE: 83 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of September 1, 1940, were classified as follows: Whites - 29 percent; Yolks - 24 percent; and Mixed - 47 percent.

MEATS AND LARD

Frozen and cured meat stocks were reduced materially during August. The apparent net withdrawals totaled 147,523,000 pounds. Stocks of lard were reduced by 30,321,000 pounds.

Beef stocks, totaling 35,589,000 pounds, on hand September 1, 1940, were 2,562,000 pounds above those of September 1 a year earlier but 9,135,000 below the 5-year (1935-39) average.

Total pork stocks of 418,015,000 pounds were approximately 57 million pounds heavier than those of a year earlier and 56 million above average.

Lard stocks, although reduced significantly during past months, were still heavy. The 272,887,000 pounds on hand September 1 were 162,509,000 above those of September 1, 1939, and about 171 million above average.

The Surplus Marketing Association reported that, at the close of business on August 31, it owned for delivery \$1,474,000 pounds of pork and 73,988,000 pounds of lard.

Commodity	Sept. 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	Sept. 1, 1939	Aug. 1, 1940	Sept. 1, 1940
	-	- Thousand	pounds -	
BEEF Frozen In process of cure Cured TOTAL BEEF	30,067 10,184 4,473 44,724	22,358 7,234 3,435 33,027	31,816 7,159 3,029 42,004	25,501 7,308 2,780 35,589
PORK Frozen Dry salt in process of cure. Dry salt cured. Pickled in process of cure. Pickled cured. TOTAL PORK	88,328 36,973 35,243 127,693 73,644 361,881	110,506 40,304 33,461 114,574 62,087 360,932	217,910 52,874 41,266 143,675 92,963 548,688	141,422 42,417 34,541 123,702 75,933 418,015
LAMB AND MUTTON Frozen	2,122	2,459	3,342	3,214
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL Frozen and cured	59,821	65,985	77,251	66,944
TOTAL MEATS	468,548	462,403	671,285	523,762
LARD	101,838	110,378	303,208	272,887

HOLDINGS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES, BY STATES, SEPTEMBER 1, 1940

State Cream (40-qt. cans)		Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs Lbs.	Total poultry Lbs.
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MassachusettsOther States	9	4,943 781	2,270 492	97 29	2,294 836	4,776 351
NEW ENGLAND		5,724	2,762	126	3,130	5,127
New York	1 7 2	13,286 8,639 6,362 28,287	13,343 5,033 2,117	678 545 348	7,887 7,257 4,823	17,867 10,300 3,458
		20,201	20,493	1,571	19,967	31,625
Ohio	4 3 4 12	6,379 1,479 34,136 4,555 3,018	975 327 6,909 911 66,864	535 41 2,094 250 83	9,070 2,343 27,067 1,522 1,723	3,279 535 16,472 1,432 451
EAST N. CENTRAL		49,567	7 5,986	3,003	41,725	22,169
Minnesota. Iowa. Missouri Nebraska. Kansas Dakotas	13 16	12,625 6,252 4,326 2,829 1,771 1,324	904 34 3,796 621 607	220 164 454 136 251	4,753 4,750 24,601 7,587 10,300 68	1,983 783 4,467 4,207 435
WEST N. CENTRAL		29,127	5,962	1,232	52,059	11,877
SOUTH ATLANTIC	. •	1,645	3,936	173	2,977	1,804
Kentucky Tennessee		804 1,067 433	575 1,040 572	42 164 28	678 1,164 373	1,854 283 57
EAST S. CENTRAL		2,304	2,187	23.4	2,215	2,194
OklahomaTexasArkansas & Louisiana		2,403 2,661 701	77 3,069 323	60 114 22	4,513 10,840 1,421	46 663 51
WEST S. CENTRAL		5,765	3,469	196	16,774	760
ColoradoOther States		1,212 942	214 2,160	84 41	965 198	202 404
		2,154	2,474	135	1,163	606
Washington. Oregon. California.		4,141 407 5,265	591 791 6,470	182 21 3 7 5	1,419 421 3,972	1,642 546 3,787
PACIFIC		9,903	7,852	578	5,812	5,975
Other States, combined for cream only	9		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
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UNITED STATES	257	134,476	125,121	7,238	145,822	82,137

OCCUPANCY OF AVAILABLE COLD STORAGE SPACE IN PUBLIC WAREHOUSES

UNITED STATES

September 1, 1940, with comparisons

	Number	A	vailable spac	ce .	Space occupied				
Date	concerns reporting	Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Coolers	Freezers	Combined		
			- Thousand cubic feet -						
January 1 February 1 March 1 April 1 May 1 June 1 July 1 August 1* September 1**	256 250 243 237 239	100,770 104,785 108,387 114,126 102,321 101,681 107,321 103,656 78,463	50,119 52,229 50,473 54,707 47,791 47,120 51,037 49,671 38,149	150,889 157,014 152,860 168,833 150,112 148,801 158,358 153,327 116,612	44,899 40,424 38,313 44,305 42,914 48,007 59,633 61,417 45,101	33,185 34,726 32,156 32,186 27,153 27,751 34,336 35,535 25,920	78,084 75,150 70,469 76,491 70,067 75,758 93,969 96,952 71,021		

^{*} Revised. ** Preliminary

PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

August 1 and September 1, 1940

Geo-		August :	1, 1940*	-	September 1, 1940**			
graphic division	Number concerns	Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Number concerns	Coolers	Freezers	Combined
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New England Middle Atlantic East North Central West North Central South Atlantic East South Central West South Central West South Central Mountain Pacific	29 5	40 53 77 78 51 53 47 47	53 68 70 83 66 51 70 77	46 58 74 80 55 53 52 56 43	9 38 33 25 15 - 19 10 35	41 49 81 61 49 47 65 49	58 67 72 74 79 - 43 74 75	48 54 78 67 57 46 68 54
United States 1	237	5 5	69	59	184	56	70	60

^{*} Revised. ** Preliminary.

Result of weighting geographic division percentage figures by respective proportion of total U. S. available space in public cold storage warehouses.

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	Pacific		101 1 87 453 448 4,220 6,206	5,553 2,175 1,909 2,884 17,102 19,694	5,65\$ 2,262 2,362 3,332 21,322 25,900	678 658 537 95 531 6,543 208 2,118
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ВУ	South Atlantic	- Thousands	34 181 12 184 1,258 319	986 18 222 57 185 3,469	991 52 403 69 369 4,727 1,460	261 271 350 69 1,069 192 360
1940,	West North Central	-	13 105 105 218 543 124	415 183 815 67 283 1,690	428 197 920 71 71 501 2,233	149 111 85 34 381 2,900 71 294
MBER 1,	East North Central	*** *********************************	40 251 402 87 87 514 2,042 1,647	310 367 6,071 2,239 6,919 6,935	350 6,473 507 507 8,961 6,582	786 840 757 87 721 4,156 947 673
SEPTEN	Middle Atlantic	-	16 743 1,421 13 279 2,049 1,944	701 687 16,883 159 5,624 10,273	1,430 18,304 172 5,903 12,322 14,376	4,822 7,144 4,321 548 2,450 20,642 2,083 1,870
HOLDINGS,	New	-	3 14 33 5 1,087 1,087	87 82 236 85 1,427 1,665	269 20, 752 305 305	182 218 218 164 38 372 2,676 197 108
COLD STORAGE HOL	Commodity	HUITS,	Blackberriespounds Blueberries Cherries Logan and similar berries Raspberries Strawberries Guhor fruits	In bulk or large containors Blackberries Blueberries Cherries Logan and similar berries Raspberries Strawberries Other fruits	Blackberries Blueberries Cherries Cherries Iogan and similar berries Raspberries Stramberries Ctramberries Ct	Asparagus. Beans, Lima. Boans, snap. Brocoli, green. Corn, sweet. Spinach. Other vegetables.

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Mountain		1 1	2,154	2,474 196 60 310	125	38 11 136 136 199	446 25 27	1,773 355 273 1,769 1,048	М	1,414	841
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South Atlantic	- Thousands	- П	1,645	3,936 36 9 1 245	173	98 302 334 623 182 13	1,011 165 46	5,284 1,264 2,253 3,004 1,429	102	5,523	1,302
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East North Central		22	49,567	75,986 4,078 1,150 927 1,895	3,003	1,741 1,183 1,374 7,729 4,397 1,132 4,142	7,318 4,033 1,322	52,022 14,894 13,243 44,895 28,514	658	19,118	218,094
Middle Atlantic		188	28,287	20,493 704 57 300 8,313	1,571	1,667 311 1,151 7,703 7,156 8,166 4,588	5,569 1,066 812	9,705 1,937 433 8,649 2,603	1,514	10,721	9,548
New England		11	5,724	2,762	126	151 45 189 430 3,032 1,096 1,096	1,051 8 8	1,571 568 388 4,206 1,518	126	1,026	569
Commodity	DAIRY PRODUCTS		Butter, creamery 1/pounds Butter, packing stock"	Cheese, American	Eggs, shellpounds	Froilers Fryers: Foasters: Fowls: Fowls: Miscellaneous poultry: Unclassified frozen poultry: Froilers: Frozen poultry: Frozen	Beef, frozenpounds Beef, in process of cure	Pork, frozen	Lamb and mutton, frozen"	Frozen and cured trimmings and edible offal	Lard.

1/ Includes DPMA, SMA, and relief holdings, as well as commercial stocks.

